Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 17 Oct 2020 until 23:59 on Sunday 18 Oct 2020

Forecast Issued on Saturday 17 Oct 2020 at 03:05 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for contrasting cloud cover across the ranges over the next couple of days and for a return to more changeable conditions early next week. However, there is much uncertainty in the detail.

Headline for Saturday 17 Oct 2020: Dull and drizzly for most ranges. Brighter across the southwest.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 17 Oct 2020

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG	FOG	FOG			
Fog	Fog	Fog	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
20%	40%	20%	30%	30%	20%

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Weather: Poor visibility expected to be the main feature through the day as cloud remains mostly extensive and persistent across the hills, this bringing patchy drizzle at times. Glen Shiel and perhaps The Cuillin seeing clearer skies with some sunshine. Cloud starting to lift off the hills through late afternoon and evening with some more breaks developing.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Almost no chance across much of the area through the bulk of the day but 40% for the south across Glen Shiel and Knoydart with some reasonable breaks likely here.

Visibility: Widely limited to a kilometre or less above modest elevations and rather dull on lower slopes in the east. Much improved towards the west coast south of Torridon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	8/10 NE	10/13 E	9/13 NE	11/15 NE	12/16 NE	14/19 NE	10/15 NE
900	8/10 NE	10/13 E	9/13 NE	11/15 NE	11/15 NE	13/18 NE	11/15 NE
600	6/8 NE	8/11 NE	7/11 NE	9/13 NE	8/12 NE	7/11 NE	6/11 NE
300	3/10 NE	5/12 NE	6/12 NE	6/13 NE	4/12 NE	5/13 NE	6/13 NE
Glen	6/11 NE	5/11 NE	7/12 NE	8/14 NE	7/15 NE	6/12 NE	6/13 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	1/-3	0/-4	1/-3	1/-4	0/-4	0/-5	-0/-5
900	2/-2	1/-3	2/-2	2/-3	1/-3	1/-4	0/-4
600	4/1	4/0	4/1	4/1	4/1	3/1	3/0
300	5/4	6/4	7/5	7/5	6/5	5/3	5/3
Glen	8/6	8/7	10/8	10/8	8/6	8/6	7/5
Freezing Level*	2000m	2000m	1700m	1100m	1100m	1000m	1000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Be aware of poor visibility and temperatures around freezing above Munro level.

Forecast for Sunday 18 Oct 2020
Weather: A cloudy but bright day with cloud generally only affecting the Munros. A few showers will linger, but most parts will stay dry for much of the day. Thickening cloud will spread eastwards later in the afternoon to bring some spells of rain (sleet or wet snow above around 700m).

Maximum wind: Southerly 10-15mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% for most of daylight hours with most cloud confined to Munro level and above, falling 30% by evening as cloud descends more widely from the west to 500-700m.

Visibility: No issues through much of the day away from highest ground where there may be periods of fog. Falling to a handful of kilometres by evening as rain sets in and cloud lowers. Very poor visibility in sleet or snow.

Temperature: **Glens:** 1-4C rising 6-8C.
At 800m: Around freezing.
Freezing level: 1000m rising 1400m through evening.

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